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M J Florence

TROUP — M J Florence, 87, of Troup, Texas, went to be with the Lord, on August 20, 2022, in Tyler, Texas.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Friday, August 26, 2022, at Carlisle Baptist Church, with Reverend Mike Ledbetter officiating. Burial to follow at Henry's Chapel Cemetery, Troup.

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Thursday, August 25, 2022, at Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

M J was born in Troup, Texas to Marion and Jewette Barron Florence on October 3, 1934. He graduated from Sam Houston University with his Bachelor of Science degree. He was a veteran of the United States Army Fourth Armored Division. He worked as a Research Associate for Texas A&M Research Center for over 30 years. After retirement M J continued cattle ranching on his family's land. He was a member of Carlisle Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with his family and his dogs, Little Man, Bobby Jay, Frazier, Shelby Lynn, and Puggy Puppy.

M J is preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Voleta Florence, brother, Barron A. Florence, sisters, Floy Dees, and Sarah Helpinstill.

M J is survived by his wife of 18 years, Pat Schear Florence of Troup; sons, Scott Florence and wife Ember of Tyler, Tony Florence and wife Susan of Troup; sister, Evelyn Downs of Grapevine, TX; grandchildren, Meredith Boardman and Bradley Florence and wife Rachel of Ft. Worth; numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Doug Steele, Melton Wright, Brad Florence, Andy Tarver, Joel Kerby, and Wes Barron.

Honorary Pallbearers will be James R. Branham, Dr. Billy Wayne Erwin, Phillip Washington, Michael Kee, Larry Florence, Jim Grissom, Edson Smith, Harold Sadler, Charles Ray Curbo, Larry Schear, Lee Montgomery, and Jim Zimmerman.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Pets Fur People, PO Box 6151, Tyler, TX 75711, Carlisle Baptist Church, 9338 FM 13 W, Henderson, TX 75654, Henry's Chapel Cemetery Association, PO Box 601, Troup, TX 75789.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

Mary Louise Hall

TYLER — Graveside services for Mary Louise Hall, 97, of the Swan Community, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Dover Cemetery in Lindale Texas.

Ms. Hall passed away August 22, 2022 in Tyler Texas.

Mary Louise Hall was born July 21, 1925 in Marshall Texas to Bradie and Gertrude Williams. She graduated from Marshall High School in 1943 and worked for a brief time at Ellis Pottery. She married the love of her life, Lonnie P. Hall, on May 15, 1948 and they were happily married for 54 years before his death in 2004. Together they had three children, Lynda, Georgia, and Mark.

She was a homemaker who loved gardening, cooking, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She had a great sense of humor and everyone loved spending time at her house playing card games and enjoying time together.

In addition to her parents and husband, her daughter, Georgia Lynn Keller, preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Eugene Williams, and sisters, Gerrie Fay Williams and Clara Mae Huff.

Survivors include Lynda Gayle Malone, and husband Jerry Malone of Flint; Mark Stephen Hall of Carrollton; Grandchildren, Glen Keller of Tyler, Amy Saenz and husband Danny Saenz of Tyler, and Michael Malone of Dallas. Great-grandchildren include, Lauren Keller, Madison Keller, Tyler Keller, Jaxsyn Saenz, and Brooklyn Saenz.

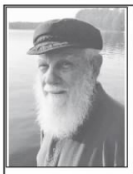
Visitation will be held, Wednesday, August 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home in Tyler Texas.

Carl A Arnold

CHANDLER — Carl A Arnold, 85 yrs old, passed away August 8, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Dayton, KY but grew up with his brother Norman, sister Nancy and parents Albert & Helen Arnold in Dayton, OH. He met, and fell in love with, Jolene Santo as young teenagers still in H.S. Upon graduation they married on August 27, 1955 and remained together until her death on August 24, 2011 (56 years). Carl's job required him to relocate in 1979 to Dallas, TX and it didn't take long for the whole family to settle in and love living here. When his first love passed away, everyone worried about Carl. But he was blessed enough to meet, and fall in love with, Debbie Allen in 2012. They married October 19, 2013 and remained happily married until Debbie's passing on Jan 2, 2021.

Carl is survived by his brother Norman (& Peggy) Arnold (FL) and sister Nancy Burba (OH); brother-n-law Larry (& Daniel Frey) Allen. Also his children (all TX) daughter Vicki Arnold; son Danny (and Carla) Arnold; daughter Kathy Scoggins; son-n-law Johnny Scoggins; and daughter Chrissy (& Mike) Gatten. As well as grandchildren Stacy (& Rick) Mayberry; Ryan Gatten; James Scoggins; Nicholas Scoggins; Sara (& Chris) Hiegert; Kasie (& Daniel) Smith; Lauren (& Troy) Watson; Angela (& Jonathan) Roark (LA) as well as 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his 4 Nieces and 2 Nephews, as well as numerous great nieces and great nephews. And many "adopted" children and too many friends and neighbors who adored him to even count. Carl had an amazing way of making everyone feel like family right away, his legacy will live on in all of us and he will be missed.

A Memorial Service and Reception is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022 at 12:00pm at Westlake Baptist Church 1439 FM 315 Chandler TX 75758. Flowers can be delivered to the church on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 or a donation can be made in his honor to the National Alzheimer Assoc of Henderson County, TX at Alzheimer's Coalition of Henderson County (alzhendersoncotx.org).



Kerfoot Pollock Walker

TYLER — A Celebration of Life for Dr. Kerfoot Pollock Walker, Jr. will be held on August 26, 2022 at 11 am at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Mark Dance officiating. Visitation and lunch with the family will follow the service. A private family burial will be held under the direction of Jackson's Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home.

Kerfoot was born on January 27, 1930, in Huntington, Texas to Kerfoot, Sr. and Nell Walker, and married the love of his life, Dr. Marietta Crowder, on June 29, 1957. Together they had three children, Kerfoot P. Walker, III (Pete), Amelia N. Proctor (Amy), and Dr. Christopher W. Walker (Chris). Kerfoot went home to be with Jesus, his Lord and Savior, on August 21, 2022.

Kerfoot was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, a caring and compassionate doctor, an excellent leader, and a friend to everyone he met. He fulfilled all those roles while steadfastly following one purpose - serving the Lord Jesus Christ by caring for people physically as a doctor and caring for them spiritually by sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. He said, "Working for Christ, in His grace, is the joy of my life. To be able to touch someone in a human way for Jesus brings a thrill that overcomes fatigue, sorrow, and depression. Working for Christ in my profession is thrilling, seeing Him save physical lives for future service in His kingdom is really something. I am convinced that the longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows."

Kerfoot's early life was spent in Huntington, Livingston, and Harlingen, Texas. He graduated with a BA in Biology from Hardin-Simmons University in 1951. He earned his Doctorate of Medicine from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, in 1955. Kerfoot's post-graduate internship was at the University of Alabama Medical School and the Hillman Clinics in Birmingham, Alabama. As God would have it, changes to the intern assignment schedule allowed him to meet Marietta. He started his residency at the VA Hospital in Birmingham. While in Birmingham, Kerfoot joined the US Navy Reserve where he served as a doctor from 1956-1962.

The Walkers moved to Dallas, Texas, and both finished their Internal Medicine Residencies at Dallas Veterans Hospital. They moved to Tyler, Texas in 1960, where he began his private internal medicine practice. He retired from private practice in 1978 to accept the position of Medical Director of the Tyler-Smith County Public Health Department where he served until he retired in 1996.

Kerfoot had a huge heart for the poor and downtrodden. He opened The Way of Life which includes several halfway houses that care for men who are ex-convicts and those struggling with various addictions, helping them to get clean, stay clean, get jobs and change their lives for the better. The original location in Tyler is named after him, the Walker House.

Kerfoot and Marietta applied to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in their early 30's only to be turned down because they were "too old." Thus began a lifetime of independent Christian mission service. They taught vacation Bible school, provided free medical service, cared for refugees, and provided pastors to train other pastors for more than 50 years in more than 30 countries.

In 1969, Kerfoot had the opportunity to go to British Honduras, now Belize, on an exploratory mission trip. He worked with missionaries there and fell in love with the Mayan people in the Toledo District. He and Marietta went 2-4 times a year doing free medical work in many different villages, and over the years brought many others to minister with them. Those trips continued for 50 years! When he walked into a village, many people knew him. He is the doctor they grew up with, the one who came back, time and time again, and cared for them and their children. He has trekked through the jungle, forged through raging rivers, and slept on the ground many times to care for their needs. He loved them, and they loved him.

Kerfoot and Marietta joined the Green Acres Baptist Church in 1960 where he taught high school Sunday School, served as a deacon, and sang in the choir for more than half a century. He planned the first GABC youth mission trip and led many others. He developed the church's Belize evangelism plan. He served as an advisor to YWAM, Calvary Commission, Global Outreach, Chief Cornerstone, Way of Life, Belize missions, Grace Community Church, Living Alternatives, and Amigos Internacionales.

Kerfoot taught that in all matters there is both a shallow and a deep perspective, even in life itself. We can live for ourselves alone or live for a greater purpose and value. For him, that purpose was Jesus. He knew to live for others requires steadfast commitment and courage and steady communication with the Holy Spirit, who spurs us to action. The power of the Spirit makes the task possible. He believed when we give our life for others, putting aside personal gain and recognition, we find true joy!

Kerfoot is survived by three children: Pete and wife Vicki, Amy and husband James, and Chris and wife Tracy, all of Tyler; 11 grandchildren: Micah, Bethany, Rachel, Hannah, Lydia, and Kerr Walker; Jessica and husband Jordan Vasquez; Jordan Proctor and wife Becca; Kenai and wife Courtney, Kemp, and Kalle Walker; and three great-grandchildren: Tucker and Hunter Vasquez and Truman Walker. He is also survived by his sister Hestermae Nixon and husband Edwin of Bullard, Texas, and brother-in-law Warren Crowder and wife Nellie of Lattimore, North Carolina.

The family is eternally grateful to Lolie Jean Small for a lifetime of service to our family and to caregivers Jordan, Wes, Marty, Felisha, Tasha, LaShannon, Angie, Sarah, Kendrick, Calvin, and Patti for their excellent, loving care over the past 4 years.

If you wish, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethesda Health Clinic, 409 W Ferguson St., Tyler, TX, 75702, Living Alternatives, PO Box 131466, Tyler, TX, 75713-1466, Chief Cornerstone, Inc., 8612 Auburn Drive, Tyler, TX, 75703, or to the charity of your choice.

Please check Burks-Walker-Tippit website for any updates.

Bo Shiner Hildebrand

PEARSALL — Boren Shiner Hildebrand was welcomed into the presence of his Savior Jesus Christ, while vacationing in Montana on August 18, 2022. He was born on April 17, 1944 to Louise and Ira Hildebrand, in Tyler, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Mike, and his brother-in-law David Turman.

He leaves behind with the best memories, his wife Susan of 54 years, children Boren Shiner II and Britta Hildebrand, Heather Winn and Jay Mac Davenport, Jon Christian and Candace Hildebrand, Lindsey Parker and Ryan Merrill. His greatest legacy were his grandchildren, Bailey Hildebrand, Morgan Hildebrand, and Bella Hildebrand; Mary Louise Davenport, Emma Davenport, Mac Davenport, Annie Davenport, and Ellie Davenport; Ainsley Hildebrand, Shiner Hildebrand, and Harper Hildebrand; Walker Merrill, Bo Merrill, Parker Merrill, and Reece Merrill. Other survivors include his sister Betty Turman, and sister-in-law Pruyn Hildebrand, and cousins Susan Weaver, Anne Dykowski, and Gerry Robinson. Also surviving Bo are his sister and brother-in-laws Debbie and Larry Grimes, Becky and AR Minkel, and Candy and Dean Delleney, along with many nieces and nephews.

Bo found great joy taking his beloved Lab Stella, to work on the ranch every day. One of the things people remember about Bo, was his contagious laugh. Susan used to say she could always find him in a crowd.

Bo and Susan are members of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio. They leave behind great prayer warriors and friends.

A graveside service will be Saturday, August 27, 2022, starting at 10:00 am, at the Shiner Ranch in Pearsall, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Bren Hildebrand, Christian Hildebrand, Ryan Merrill, Jay Mac Davenport, Jason Sekula, and Thomas Hamilton. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Barr, Larry Grimes, and Chris Stautzenberger.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at https://www.stjude.org/donate

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

Payton Roydale Hardy Bennett

FLINT — Payton Roydale Hardy passed away at 23 on August 07 2022

Though he left this world far too soon, he left this world a better place. He is proceeded in death by his loving father and mother Ryan Bennett and Catherine Bennett, By two sisters Freedom Lawson and Alice Bennett and two brothers Logan and Abram Bennett. He also leaves behind too many family and friends.

Memorial service will be held on august 28th at 4 pm at Bella Vista in Flint Tx. For a time of remembrance we will provide chili and ask for chili fixings and desserts. If you would like to donate to Payton's funeral fund you can do so thru his Aunt Melanie Stithem.

Jesse Willard Robinson Jr.

KILGORE — Public viewing for Mr. Jesse W. Robinson Jr., 78, of Kilgore, TX. will be held from 2-6:00 P.M. Fri. Aug. 26, 2022 at the funeral home. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Cunningham Funeral Home. Condolences may be left at CunninghamKilgore.com

SHARON MOORE

HENDERSON — Funeral services for Mrs. Sharon Moore, 77, of Henderson, will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery. Visitation, 6-8 p.m., Friday, August 26, at the funeral home. Mrs. Moore passed away on August 22, 2022. She was born November 16, 1944.

MJ Florence

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Our joys will be greater, our love will be deeper, our life will be fuller because we shared your moment.
- Unknown

What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.
– Helen Keller

Perhaps they are not the stars,
But rather openings in heaven where
The love of our lost ones pours through
And shines down upon us to let us know
they are happy.

Our thoughts are with you in this trying time.

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